

1123 Lake Street
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City Fact Sheet

Ballot Text

“Shall the City of Sandpoint, Bonner County, Idaho adopt an ordinance providing for imposition and collection, for a period of Five (5) years from its effective date, certain non-property taxes this way: A 0.5% consumption tax on all sales subject to taxation under Chapter 36, Title 63, Idaho Code.

The anticipated revenue from the 0.5% sales tax will be used in the following manner:

- Grandstand construction at War Memorial Field, associated improvements to War Memorial Field and a dedicated fund for ongoing maintenance of War Memorial Field
- Administrative Costs.

The City will retain the actual cost of collecting and administering the tax.

Understanding Local Option Taxing

Local Option Tax Proposal *To fund the* Restoration of Barlow Stadium at War Memorial Field

On the Ballot for City of Sandpoint Residents
November 6, 2012



Questions and Answers

Q: Why do we need a new grandstand at War Memorial Field?

A: The 2012 structural engineering report states: "The existing bleachers do not meet current structural or safety code requirements..." Based on these findings the City has determined that the facility will be renovated in 5 years.

Q: Has the City thought this project through and involved the public in determining the best path forward?

A: Yes. Collaboration began in 2010 with the community to consider design and funding options. The preferred Stadium design shown on the cover will have a capacity of 1,500, an increase of 67% to meet current and future demand.

Q: Will other partners be involved in the funding of this project?

A: Yes. The community has already contributed significantly to the completion of Phase 1 (new lighting) of the facility restoration and is committed to the Phase 2 Stadium renovation.

Q: Will tourists and non city residents pay these taxes?

A: YES. ALL people shopping in Sandpoint will pay the tax helping to contribute to the restoration of this facility.

Q: Do other towns in Idaho have a local option tax?

A: YES. A total of 12 other towns in Idaho have supported a local option tax.

Q: Can local option tax receipts be diverted for projects other than those authorized by the voters?

A: NO. The Sandpoint City Council directs the tax revenue only to the restoration of Barlow Stadium Grandstands at War Memorial Field and associated Memorial Field improvements.

Q: How long will the tax be in place?

A: The current proposal is for a term of 5 years, at which time the tax will end.

Q: What is the anticipated impact of the tax on an average household purchase?

A: \$10 purchase Tax = 5 cents

\$100 purchase Tax = 50 cents

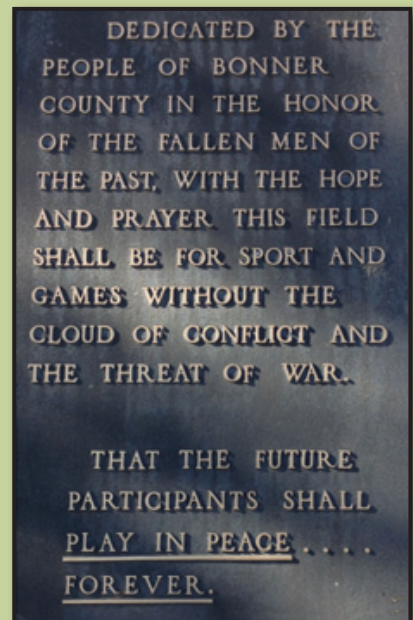
\$1,000 purchase Tax = \$5 dollars

History & Facts of War Memorial Field Grandstands

Age: The Grandstands were originally constructed in 1948 with a seating capacity of 900. Since that time the Bonner County population has nearly tripled.

Users: The facility is used by many different groups for a variety of events, many of which have an economic impact on our community:

- Legion Baseball
- Sandpoint High School Graduation
- Sandpoint High School Football
- Sandpoint High School Soccer
- Sandpoint Soccer Association
- Little League Baseball
- Sandpoint Junior Tackle Football
- Sandpoint Lacrosse
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Festival At Sandpoint
- 9/11 Ceremony



-From the Bronze Plaque at War Memorial Field